

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): An airbag device comprising an inflator for generating gas and an airbag expandable by the gas, said airbag device is provided with
 - a gas inflow port provided in the airbag through which the gas flows in,
 - a vent hole provided in the airbag for discharging the gas flown in the airbag,
 - a cloth-like piece connected to a vicinity of the vent hole at one end thereof, and to a vicinity of the gas inflow port at the other end thereof releasably,wherein said cloth-like piece does not close the vent hole in a state where the other end is retained, and closes the vent hole due to an internal pressure of the airbag in a state where the other end is released,
 - a retaining device for retaining the other end of the cloth-like piece, and
 - releasing means for releasing retention of the retaining device.
2. (original): The airbag device according to claim 1, wherein a length of the cloth-like piece from one end to the other end is shorter than a length of the airbag from one end to the other end.
3. (previously presented): The airbag device according to claim 1, wherein the cloth-like piece is connected to an inside of the airbag at one end at a position in the vicinity of the vent hole and remote from the gas inflow port.

4. (withdrawn): An airbag device comprising an inflator for generating gas and an airbag expandable by the gas, said airbag device is provided with

- a gas inflow port provided in the airbag through which the gas flows in,
- a vent hole provided in the airbag for discharging the gas flown in the airbag;
- a cloth-like piece connected to an inside of the airbag at both ends thereof and spaced apart from an edge of the vent hole;
- an extension cloth connected to the cloth-like piece at one end, to the vicinity of the gas inflow port at the other end to be releasable,
- wherein said extension cloth does not close the vent hole in a state where the other end is retained, and closes the vent hole due to an internal pressure of the airbag in a state where the other end is released,
- a retaining device for retaining the other end of the cloth-like piece, and
- releasing means for releasing retention of the retaining device.

5. (currently amended): The~~An~~ airbag device having an inflator for generating gas and an airbag expandable by the gas, said airbag device comprising:~~according to claim 1-4~~

- a gas inflow port provided in the airbag through which the gas flows in,
- a vent hole provided in the airbag for discharging the gas flown in the airbag,
- a cloth-like piece connected to a vicinity of the vent hole at one end thereof, and to a vicinity of the gas inflow port at the other end thereof releasably,

wherein said cloth-like piece does not close the vent hole in a state where the other end is retained, and closes the vent hole due to an internal pressure of the airbag in a state where the other end is released,

a retaining device for retaining the other end of the cloth-like piece, and
releasing means for releasing retention of the retaining device,

wherein the retaining device has a retaining plate, and the releasing means implements releasing by forcibly deforming the retaining plate.

6. (original): The airbag device according to claim 5, wherein the releasing means implements releasing by forcibly deforming the retaining plate by a pressure generated by an explosive.

7. (withdrawn): The airbag device according to claim 1, wherein the airbag is provided with a tether belt for restraining expansion of the airbag, and one end of the tether belt is retained by the retaining device.